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WORLD NEWS

- President Slobodan Milosevic's Socialist Party has acknowledged for the first time that the vote in Yugoslavia's presidential election was extremely close and a runoff may be needed to determine the winner.
- A second South Carolina prison guard has been arrested for allegedly having sex with Susan Smith, who is serving a life sentence for drowning her two sons in a lake. Capt. Alfred R. Rowe Jr. was charged Monday with one count of sexual intercourse with an inmate, punishable by up to 10 years in prison.
- A meeting of OPEC oil ministers and the latest data on U.S. supplies will lubricate activity in U.S. stock markets Tuesday, along with a new round of quarterly results and warnings.
- Vice President Al Gore outlined his revised proposals for Medicare and delivered a blistering critique of Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush's plans for the federal health insurance program in a booklet unveiled before a boisterous crowd of seniors Monday in Florida.
- Stephen King expressed sorrow Monday over the death of the man whose van struck and severely injured him last year. Bryan Smith, 43, was found dead Friday at his home in Fryeburg, Maine.
- Monica Lewinsky, whose affair with President Clinton made her a celebrity in the United States, will be reporting on American culture for a British television network, her publicist said.

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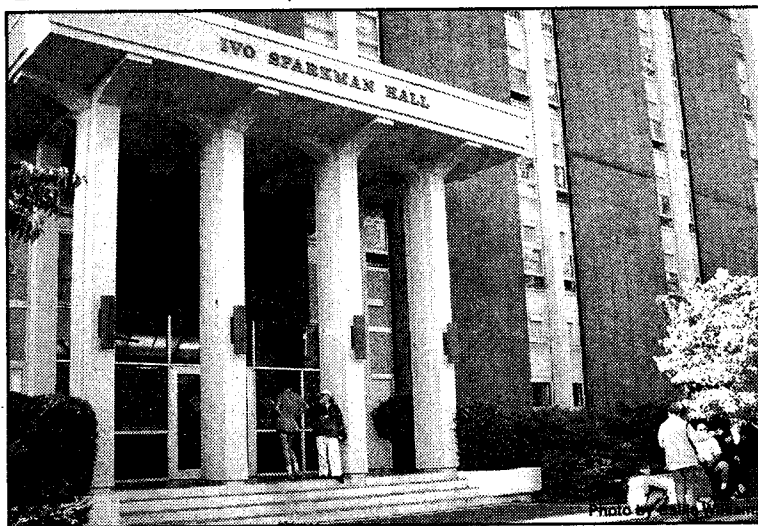
JSU battles chronic housing problems

By Gracie Catchings
Assistant News Editor

The dawn of another school year would not be complete without complaints about housing.

A few changes in the Guide to Residence Living and university policy have left some students feeling angry and confused. However, Jacksonville State University's Director of Housing Marie Humphrey said, "Policies are in place for a reason. Most of the policies, from my experience, have been written by the students."

One of the biggest upsets this year is that students are no longer allowed to smoke in their rooms and are even banned from smoking anywhere around the dorms. According to SGA President Elizabeth Webb, "That outraged a lot of people." However, Humphrey said, "If a smoker wants to smoke, I don't have a problem with that. They just can't do it in our residence halls for the overall community good."



JSU students loiter outside Sparkman Hall earlier this week

Many students have allergies that are aggravated when smoke gets into the ventilation system from the rooms of those who light up. Students are also banned from smoking around the premises of dorms because if the doors are open, smoke can filter into the building. Humphrey also believes that this change in policy is beneficial to the overall educational environment at JSU.

Another major problem, especially at Sparkman Hall, has been the new process of pre-assigning rooms to students. Many sorority members were not able to get a room on their designated floor. According to Sherry Todd, a senior in Phi Mu, "We were really upset because our new members were not given a

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Should faculty fear their students?

By Gina Rae Smith
News Editor

Questions have been raised concerning the safety of America's campuses as a result of recent local and national violence and threats against teachers.

JSU English professor Carmine DiBiase is the victim of a series of written and verbal threats against his safety. While the woman charged with these threats has been arrested and a court date has been set, DiBiase maintains that the forty-something woman was merely a harmless student in emotional distress.

"She was making calls and sending letters to me and about a dozen others," DiBiase said. "Vague suggestions were initially made, but the threats toward my safety became increasingly disturbing. It was discovered that she had done similar

things in her hometown."

While this situation has been handled and violence has apparently been averted, questions still remain. Are students and faculty as safe on our nation's campuses as they believe they are? What precautions should be taken to avoid such incidents?

JSU geography professor Dr. Kelly Gregg believes the University should develop a policy dealing with this type of situation. "Occasionally, a faculty member is threatened by a student. The University currently has no procedure. The administration needs to address the problem and do something. It's fairly common for faculty to feel threatened by a student or students at some point in time. It is a concern, but a campus is supposed to be an open place. We can't make JSU an armed campus."

Violence has been a problem in

American schools for several years. However, most incidents have been confined to the high school demographic. The safety of college campuses experienced an explosion of doubts in light of the recent shooting of University of Arkansas professor John Locke.

Locke, associate English professor and director of the comparative literature program at the university, was shot three times in his office on Aug. 28. Graduate student James Easton Kelly, 37, shot himself in the heart after he took the life of Locke, 67.

"I think they should remember this and learn from this, that bad things do happen to good people," said University of Arkansas Chancellor John A. White, as quoted by Al Gispenny in the university paper, The Arkansas Traveler. "You can't take tomorrow for granted. In society

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Could this Gamecock possibly peck apart a pack of Bulldogs? Details on page 13

JSU student alleges road rage

By Josie Connell & Christina Morrison
Staff Writer/Features Editor

A Shelby County woman is on trial this week for a murder which allegedly resulted from "road rage." 40-year old Shirley Henson was accused in the shooting death of 34-year old Gena Foster on an Interstate 65 exit ramp last November.

According to The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, accidents involving road rage, or aggressive driving, are on the rise. It appears Jacksonville is not immune to it.

On Sept. 19 at 12:45 p.m., Jacksonville State University senior Temika Lavender was sitting at a red light on Pelham Road, southbound at the intersection of Highway 204. Lavender said she noticed a red and black Ford dump truck fast approaching from behind and not braking. With two cars in front of her, Lavender said she could do nothing but brace for the impact. She then claimed the truck rammed her 1994 red Honda Civic, but she said that was only the beginning.

Lavender said her car was blocking the right turn lane heading onto Highway 204. She said apparently the truck driver wanted to get through, so he repeatedly bumped her car forward until he had enough room to squeeze by.

Lavender said, "I was screaming. I had my cell phone, but I was so scared I couldn't even dial 911. I was freaking out, and everyone around me was just staring."

According to the Jacksonville City Police report, the man Lavender said hit her is Leroy Barron of Glencoe.

Lavender said the driver of the truck then rolled down his window and started yelling at her.

Barron said in response to this

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Campus Crime

- The Campus Crime Docket is never, and will never be, edited unless an incident report involves a minor.
 - Items in the Campus Crime Docket are obtained from incident and arrest reports at the JSU Police Department.
 - JSU students have the right to view these public records.
 - If any information is incorrect, please contact us at 782-5701 or call the JSU Police Department at 782-5050.
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- **9-22-00:** Heather M. Dixon, of Jacksonville, Ala., reported assault to JSUPD occurring at the Delta Chi house on 9-22-00.
 - **9-22-00:** Ben T. Ball, of Heflin, Ala., reported assault to JSUPD occurring at the Delta Chi house on 9-22-00.
 - **9-22-00:** Jamie M. Seehafer, of Anniston, Ala., reported assault to JSUPD occurring at the Delta Chi house on 9-22-00.
 - **9-22-00:** Kimberly C. Sharpe, of Birmingham, Ala., reported criminal mischief to JSUPD occurring at College Apartments on 9-22-00.
 - **9-22-00:** Terra Olean Smothers, of Decatur, Ala., reported criminal mischief to JSUPD occurring at Sparkman Hall parking lot on or between 9-21-00 and 9-22-00.
 - **9-22-00:** Deborah Joubran reported harassment to JSUPD occurring at the JSU football field on 9-22-00.
 - **9-23-00:** Darryl Alexander Murray, 20, of Oxford, Ala., was arrested on charges of DUI by JSUPD on Pelham Rd. N occurring on 9-23-00.
 - **9-25-00:** Thomas Michael Mahan of Oxford, Ala., reported assault to JSUPD occurring at the Delta Chi house on 9-21-00.
 - **9-25-00:** Michael James Johnson, of Jacksonville, Ala., reported assault occurring at Crow Hall parking lot on 9-25-00.

Clubs And Organizations

- **Alpha Xi Delta**
The sisters and New Members of Alpha Xi Delta are looking forward to Homecoming with Sigma Phi Epsilon. We would like to wish our President, Amber Burgess a Happy 21st Birthday and also to Courtney Edmunds a Happy 20th Birthday. Congratulations to Margaret Dorman for earning Sister of the Week Award and to Jessica Hess for earning New Member of the Week Award. Good Luck to our Intramural Football Team this year. Roseanne Stone is a doing a great job organizing everything. Everyone have a great week and study hard!
- **Delta Zeta**
The sisters and new members of Delta Zeta would like to congratulate the Gamecock football team on an awesome win last Thursday against Samford. We would like to extend special thanks to Daniel Cochran for all your help! Good luck to the Delta Zeta intramural football team! Good luck to Pi Kappa Phi on a great War of the Roses week! Delta Zeta's 2nd Annual Turtle Tug will be held on Wednesday, October 18th at 4pm. We would like to invite everyone to come out and watch or participate. All money raised will support our national philanthropy, which is Speech and Hearing-Impaired. More information will be announced next week. Congratulations to our newly appointed officers: VP of Membership: Tavia McMunn, Secretary: Stephanie Shirley, and Parliamentarian: Becky Stone. Awards for last week were: Support: Jessica Johnson, Twisted Sister: Jennifer Jones, Alumna: Stephanie Engler, Sisterhood: MaryBeth Edwards. Rosebud: Charlee Michal. Awards for this week are: Support: Jennifer Ellison, Twisted Sister: Katie Wesley, Alumna: Jeriann Alldritt, Faculty Member: Ms. Suco. Happy Belated Birthday to Jamie Sexton! October birthdays are Katie Wesley (2nd), Michelle Zopfi (8th), and Kristin Rodgers(19th). Happy Birthday!
- **Zeta Tau Alpha**
Zeta would like to thank Pi Kap and ATO for coming to our meeting last week. We are very excited about helping with your fundraisers. Also, thanks to KA and DZ for two wonderful mixers. Congratulations to the Zeta putt putt team and the Zeta football team on both of their wins last week. PC members of the week are Holly Pinson and Emily Williams. EC member of the week is Jamie Whatley. The sisters and new members are excited about our sisterhood in Atlanta this weekend. A special thanks to Jamie Rotters and Amanda Pope for all the planning. We are so excited! We would also like to thank all of the students for coming out to support the Gamecocks. Congrats guys on your win! Gamecock Hostesses, we would like to congratulate the football on their win against Samford! We are very proud of each one of you. We know that you are going to continue to have a winning season. You represent JSU with GAMECOCK PRIDE! Thanks to the students for their fan support this past Thursday.
- **Panhellenic Council**
Congratulations to all the Greek organizations on your new members! A special thanks to Delta Zeta on hosting a "tacking" all Greek mixer it was a lot of fun. Congratulations to Rebekah Adams on receiving the Panhellenic 1st Vice Recruitment position for this next year and to Jenn Foster on assuming a new Panhellenic position Junior Panhellenic. Good luck to everyone on intramural sports this week. Our meetings this semester will be on Wednesday 2:30 in the TMB Auditorium if you would like to join us and see what we do. Have a great week!
- **Delta Chi**
Hope everyone is having a good week. Hope everyone has a safe football season. We are looking forward to our mixer with Phi Mu tonight. Tonight at 9:00 we will be having our new member and brother auction. It should be a lot of fun. For more information call 782-7453. We would like to wish everyone good luck with football. Good luck to Pi Kappa Phi with War of the Roses next week. We have a meeting tomorrow at 2:00 in the TMB room 401. See you there.
- **Pi Kappa Phi**
We would like to wish everyone good luck during Intramural this week. We would also like to wish all the Panhellenic Sororities good luck in our upcoming Philanthropy event, "WAR OF THE ROSES", October 2nd-5th.
- **Phi Mu**
Phi Mu would like to congratulate the JSU Gamecocks for their outstanding win against Samford! Good Luck to the football, soccer, golf, and volleyball teams this week! Congratulations to ZTA on placing first in putt-putt and to Phi Mu for placing third. Phi Mu would like to recognize KA Order's golf tournament that was held last weekend and congratulate Sig Ep on winning first place! Phi Mu is very excited about competing in Pi Kappa Phi's War of the Roses. Good Luck to all sororities! Phi class officers were elected last Sunday. They are as follows: Pres.-Kellie Allen; V.P.-Heather Harper; Sec.-Rachel Jordan; Chaplin-Lauren Burnett; and Spirit Coordinators-Samantha Dawkins, Allison Byrd, and Dana Crow. Good Luck to Phi Mu Intramural football and bowling teams! Phi Mu is very excited about our sisterhood retreat this weekend. Don't forget about Phi Mu's "Children's Candlelight Ceremony" on the JSU Quad, October 16! Phi Mu bigs are very excited about Big/Lil week! We hope everyone has a great week!

Announcements

- **The ECE for Fall 2000** will be given Tuesday, Oct. 17 from 6-7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Oct. 18 from 3-4:30 p.m.. Students planning to take the ECE need to come by Stone Center, room 215 and register by Oct. 11. Optional workshops for the Fall exam will be held Monday, Oct. 9 from 6-7:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, Oct. 10 from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Merrill Hall auditorium, room 101. Any questions regarding the ECE may be directed to Mr. David Myer, 112 Stone Center, ext. 5464, e-mail dmyer@jsucc.jsu.edu.
- **Walt Disney World will be interviewing** on campus today at 5 p.m. in Stephenson Gym. Positions available for hosts, hostesses, merchandising, transportation, cashiers, life guards and much more. For more information, contact Pearl Williams at 782-5289.
- **Free confidential HIV testing** is available at the Nursing Center Clinic, at Lurleen B. Wallace College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Please call 782-5432 to schedule an appointment. Office hours are from Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- **The Jacksonville Association of Nursing Students** will be hosting a lecture featuring guest speaker Marti Warren, a breast cancer survivor, on Oct. 6 at 11:30 a.m.
- **Upcoming events for the Wesley Foundation** include: Bible Study on Monday at 7 p.m. A free supper and program on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., followed by fellowship and a game. A worship service on Thursday at 9 p.m. Juice, Java and Jesus at the Methodist Church behind McDonald's will be Sunday at 8:30 p.m.

JSU Area Events Calendar: Sept. 28 - Oct. 5

Thurs 28	Fri 29	Sat 30	Sun 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last day to withdraw and receive 50% tuition refund• DSS satellite downlink: "Postsecondary Interpreting: Roles, Responsibilities and Readiness" in room 301 TMB from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Everyone is invited• ACE downlink: Interpreters in the Classroom on the 3rd floor of the TMB from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• JSU Volleyball game vs. Austin Peay @ Austin Peay at 12 Noon• JSU Women's soccer vs. Samford @ Samford at 1 p.m.	
Mon 2	Tues 3	Wed 4	Thurs 5
senate meeting at 6 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SGA movie night presents "Gossip" on the 3rd floor of the TMB at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.• JSU Volleyball vs. Tennessee-Chattanooga @ JSU at 6 p.m.• JSU Art Gallery showing: The Photo Essays of Ken Elkins at the Hammond Hall art gallery from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CHASE test from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in room 20, Ayers Hall.• Career fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Merrill Building• JSU Art Gallery showing: The Photo Essays of Ken Elkins at the Hammond Hall art gallery at 10 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SGA quiz show at 5 p.m. at the TMB food court• JSU Art Gallery showing: The Photo Essays of Ken Elkins at the Hammond Hall art gallery from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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claim, "I'm a 61-year-old man. I don't holler at people."

"He told me he didn't see me," said Lavender, "How could he not see me? I drive a red car, and it was a beautiful day! And he was yelling at me, like it was my fault! Then he drove off."

Barron said in his defense that it was a freak accident, and the police made no attempt to stop or apprehend him.

Lavender said she then drove to the Jacksonville Police Station. However, she wasn't able to give officers a detailed description of the truck.

Lavender said, "I was praying. Lord, I need more evidence. Lavender said she then called her sister, and the two girls started combing area roads looking for the truck. Then they spotted the truck on U.S. 431 headed toward Glencoe.

Gadsden authorities were notified, and a roadblock was set up. Police stopped the truck, and Lavender positively identified the driver as the one she said hit her earlier. In the police report, Barron said he didn't remember hitting Lavender's car.

Barron said, "If I hit her, I didn't know it. If I done it, I done it. If I didn't, I didn't."

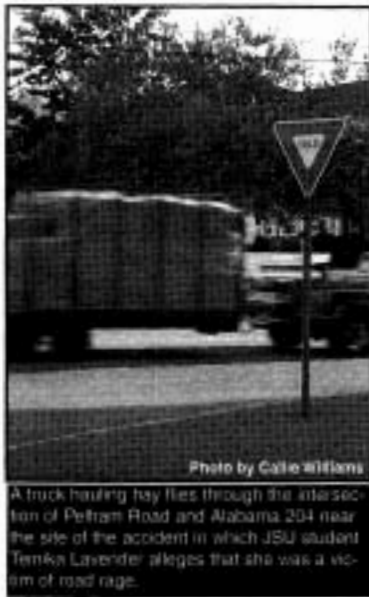
According to the police report, authorities found marks on Barron's front bumper that were consistent with marks on Lavender's rear bumper.

"In 40 years I've never had an accident or a speeding ticket. . . Student drivers are **careless**, always in a hurry," explained Barron.

Lavender said she sustained neck, shoulder and back injuries in the alleged accident. She said she had to miss class and work. She also said she has \$15 hundred in damage to her car.

Jacksonville City Police Detective Fred Morrow said, "We'll probably get a felony warrant this week for Barron for leaving the scene of an accident. We could use some witnesses to this accident, though."

Detective Morrow would like to speak to anyone who witnessed this accident; he can be reached at 435-6448.



This case can be a lesson for students about what to do once they are involved in an accident. Sergeant Gaither of the Jacksonville State University Police Department said, "Well if you have an accident here on campus what you should do is don't move the vehicles. Call the police, and one of us could be there in about one or two minutes. That way we can actually see the contributing factors to the accident. We'll have you move it (the car) to the side. Then we'll determine who's at fault, and do the report right then."

Although this is the usual way accidents should be dealt with, there are certain circumstances when police involvement is not necessary. Sergeant Gaither said that if both parties agreed that no one was injured in the accident and no property damage occurred then the parties can exchange phone numbers and fill out the accident report later. Gaither also stressed that if there was an injury or property damage did occur, neither party can leave the scene of the accident.

Gaither advised, "Just make sure they (students) get some good information: insurance, car tags, their full name and possible social security numbers. So if they (second party) decide that they don't want to do right about it, we can help them (students) with it."

For more information on how to deal with car accidents, contact JSUPD at 782-5050.

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chance to be in our hall. It's really important to be with the other sisters. It was very hard to move into a room and a week later have to move into another one."

Room change is somewhat difficult at Sparkman because of the high capacity, but Humphrey maintains they are doing their best to accommodate students, and this new process actually made check in a lot easier this year.

Once students are settled in their rooms, they better hope they never get locked out because they will now be charged \$5 to get back in. Humphrey said the Department of University Housing and Residence Life's main concern on this issue is the safety and education of the students. "We know it's a hardship for students to pay it. Next time you'll think about it (being locked out). If you were in a house or an apartment and went to your next door neighbor's, you would lock your door." Humphrey also said that this is a nominal fee compared to most schools that charge upward of \$25 to reissue a key.

Of course, a story about housing problems would not be complete without mentioning the hold-ups with the phone lines. Randy Harper, Executive Director of Data Systems Management, said, "The problems we experience normally are in the evening hours . . . we're doing everything that we possibly can to solve that problem. We're going to stay with it till we get it resolved." Although the system was upgraded this summer, there are still bugs to remove in order to accommodate the 2800 administrative and student users. The university's current telephone system operates on more lines than are recommended for the type of service we have. According to Harper, JSU has requested to be on the priority list for service from Bell South.

Internet use also ties up the phone lines. While these lines are tied up, calls cannot come in or go out. Fitzpatrick, Logan, Patterson and

Pannell have all been cabled for direct Internet access much like the computer labs on campus. Students in these halls have access to the net that is 25 times faster than a modem would be. There is also the luxury of not having to pay a monthly fee to an Internet service provider. A one-time fee of \$50-\$60 is the only cost for a connection device called an Ethernet card. Harper said this technology "will help alleviate some problems caused by dial-up to the Internet." Harper hopes to eventually have this service available in all dorms, but each dorm will be evaluated on a "need" basis.

All students are issued a Guide to Residence Living. "When they check into the residence hall, that's the first thing we give them," said Humphrey. Students are encouraged to read the manual to fully understand and be compliant with the policies.

Humphrey further stated that the housing department wants to be "a good steward of the students' money." Humphrey believes the policies can get better and looks forward to working with students in order to better meet their needs.

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today, you need to be mindful that something like this can occur anywhere."

DiBiase thought he might have prematurely contacted the Jacksonville State University Police Department. He now echoes Chancellor White's thoughts. "You can't be too careful in today's world."

DiBiase feels the administration handled his situation swiftly and carefully. "Everyone involved acted professionally and with compassion. Dr. Felgar, Dean Wade, Dr. Watts, Dr. Cusimano and Dr. Meehan have done all they could to help me in this situation."

The threats against DiBiase were reported to the JSUPD. "What I've seen from the UPD impresses me enormously. Sergeant Giddy was very thoughtful in his examination," said DiBiase. Sergeant Giddy could not be reached for comment.

DiBiase's experience is not an isolated one in the nation's campus community. However, colleges across the country are working diligently to create more awareness regarding seemingly disturbed or withdrawn students. "We can't afford to ignore students' problems. Their problems could become ours," DiBiase said.

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DATE	COMPANY	MAJORS	GPA
TUESDAY OCT. 10	United Defense, LP	Technology, Finance Accounting	3.2
WEDNESDAY OCT. 11	Russell Corporation	Technology/CS	
THURSDAY, OCT. 12	Comsys U.S. Army Audit Agency	Computer Science/CIS Accounting	3.0 2.5
MONDAY, OCT. 16	SIRSI Corporation	Computer Science	
TUESDAY OCT. 17	Sherman Williams Co. J.C. Penney Co., Inc.	Gen. Bus. Management, Marketing Management, Marketing	3.0
WEDNESDAY OCT. 18	Wells Fargo Financial AL SouthTrust Bank	General Business Gen. Business, Liberal Arts	2.5
THURSDAY OCT 19	Central Castings	Technology	3.0
MONDAY OCT. 23	Regions Bank	Accounting, Finance	2.75
TUESDAY OCT. 24	TruGreen Chem Lawn	All Majors	
WEDNESDAY OCT. 25	Tyson Foods, Inc.	All Majors	
THURSDAY OCT. 26	Sherwin Williams Automotive	All Majors	2.5
THURSDAY NOV. 2	GA State Dept. of Audits	Accounting	2.75

Career Fair - Merrill Building Wednesday • October 4 • 9 A.M. - 2P.M.

1. AL STATE DEPT. EXAMINERS OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.....ACCOUNTING
2. AL STATE DEPT. OF REVENUE.....ACCT., BUSINESS ADMIN., FINANCE
3. AL STATE DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION.....TECHNOLOGY
4. ANDERSEN CONSULTING.....COMPUTER SCIENCE
5. BARNES & NOBLE.....ALL MAJORS (MANAGEMENT TRAINEES)
6. CENTRAL CASTINGS.....TECHNOLOGY
7. CSC HEALTHCARE.....COMPUTER SCIENCE, ENGLISH
8. FASTENAL COMPANY.....BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
9. INTERGRAPH PROCESS & BUILD. SOLUTIONS.....COMPUTER SCI., TECH.
10. INTERNATIONAL ENTERPRISES, INC.....TECHNOLOGY
11. ITC DELTACOM.....TECHNOLOGY, BUSINESS, COMPUTER SCIENCE
12. LOWES OF OXFORD.....ALL MAJORS
13. NEW SOUTH FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK...BUS., FINANCE, ACCOUNTING, CIS
14. REGIONS BANK.....FINANCE, ACCOUNTING, BUSINESS ADMIN.
15. ROLLINGS LEASING CORP.....BUS., PUBLIC RELATIONS, MRKTG., COMM
16. RUSSELL CORPORATION.....BUSINESS, TECHNOLOGY
17. SHERWIN WILLIAMS AUTOMOTIVE FINISHES.....ALL MAJORS
18. SHERWIN WILLIAMS COMPANY....BUS. ADMIN., MRKTG., MANAGEMENT
19. SIRSI.....COMPUTER SCIENCE
20. SOUTHTRUST BANK.....LIBERAL ARTS, GENERAL BUSINESS
21. TAPE CRAFT.....TECHNOLOGY, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
22. TRUGREEN CHEM LAWN.....ALL MAJORS
23. TYSON FOODS, INC. - OXFORD, AL.....ALL MAJORS
24. TYSON FOODS, INC. - SNEAD, AL.....ALL MAJORS
25. U.S. ARMY AUDIT AGENCY.....ACCOUNTING
26. U.S. CUSTOMS DEPT.....BUSINESS, ACCOUNTING
27. U.S. DEPT. HEALTH, INSPECTOR GENERAL-AUDIT.....ACCOUNTING
28. UNITED DEFENSE, LP.....TECHNOLOGY, ACCOUNTING, FINANCE
29. WAKEFIELD'S.....BUSINESS, FASHION MERCHANDISING
30. WAL MART DISTRIBUTION.....GENERAL BUSINESS, TECHNOLOGY, HR.
31. WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL AL.....GENERAL BUSINESS
32. WESTINGHOUSE.....TECHNOLOGY
33. VERIZON WIRELESS.....ALL MAJORS



Count on Something 5 to appear at Brother's

By Christina Morrison
Features Editor

The band Something 5 will return to its self-proclaimed home away from home, Brothers Bar, on Friday, Sept. 29.

The band has played frequently at Brother's since their formation last year, and this visit will be in support of their debut album "Insulation." The album was released on the label BlackHole Records in June of this year.

The band combines some hard vocals and tough guitars to produce a very alternative/hard rock sound.

They also include some catchy melodies in their sets. Radio play probably won't be a problem for this band, since they, with their alt-rock guitar-driven sound, are what many alternative radio stations are looking

for in a band. Think Days of the New mixed with early Stone Temple Pilots.

When asked how the band classifies their sound, lead singer Brent Merrill said, "Just an edgy alt-rock. I hate to use the term 'metal.' . . . Just heavy rock, heavy alternative rock. I mean, we discuss it all the time and we never agree on anything."

The band is based in Atlanta, although the group hails from Alabama. Brent Merrill (vocals), Todd Wright (drums) and Ethan Hall (bass) are from Ranburn. Ralph Gooden (guitar) is from Roanoke.

The expertise in their first album is extremely surprising since the group has only been together for a year or so. But with the help of Producer John Keane (R.E.M., Widespread Panic) the band crafted a polished first class album. The CD holds an



Atlanta-area rockers Something 5

energy that will probably tend to be much more explosive on stage, which means this band will put on a rocking live show at Brother's.

Although they have been working on their second album, the band has

been touring hard for the last four months. "We've been playing throughout the Southeast for about a year now. We started doing little, short, I guess mini-tours you could

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The Boiler Room heats up Jacksonville

By Christina Morrison
Features Editor

The Boiler Room at Jack's Alley, formerly known as Club Retro, is the newest addition to Jacksonville's ever-growing list of businesses.

The club opened for business last night with the Fuzzy Navel Band leading the lineup of entertainment. Entertainment will be a large part of the new establishment, since it has become a big draw for many Jacksonville State University students. There will be a weekly selection of musical acts for the clientele of The Boiler Room. The club will feature varied artists including local bands, DJ's and more well-known bands.

"Fuller's, they can sell liquor; that's where they're getting most of their business. We're going to base ours (business) on the entertainment and keeping people happy. You know, if all they wanted

was liquor, they'd go down to the liquor store and buy it. So I'm convinced they're wanting entertainment and national bands, marquee bands," explained Manager Craig New.

New said that The Boiler Room will be very different from Club Retro in many respects, "We're looking at booking some national bands to come in. I just got off the phone with the previous owner finding out what the maximum capacity is here, because the more people I can get in here legally, the more tickets I can sell, and the bigger bands I can have," said New.

New said that he encourages people to let him know what they want because he will be more able to please the crowd that way. "If they want a rock band, we'll have a rock band. If they want a country band, then we'll have a country band. For instance, we booked bands like Wayne Mills, Gus Whitaker, Elvis Willis, Brother to Brother, Area 51,



The marquee in front of the now-defunct Club Retro heralds the arrival of the new Boiler Room at Jack's Alley which opened yesterday

and we have DJ's that come in," explained New.

Club Retro has been labeled by certain club-goers as more of a younger person's club, in that it

catered more to older high school students. But New wants to make it clear that JSU students are a priority in this club, although anyone that is

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Local Scene

9/28/00 Hannaward Pass--Brothers
9/28/00 Elvis Willis Band--Fuller's Pub
9/29/00 Something 5 & Hundred Dollar Day--Brothers
9/29/00 Blue Soul--Fuller's Pub
9/30/00 Isaac Cury--Brothers
9/30/00 DJ Bout-It--Fuller's Pub
10/4/00 Jiggle the Handle--Brothers

10/5/00 Soup--Brothers

Birmingham

9/29/00 Hannaward Pass--Zydeco
10/2/00 Leftover Salmon & Robert Earl Keen--Five Points Music Hall
10/3/00 Alabama Thunderpussy & Something 5--The Nick
10/5/00 Guy Clark--Zydeco

Atlanta

9/28/00 16 Horsepower--Cotton Club
9/28/00 UnAmerican & The Who--Philips Arena
9/30/00 Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise--Cotton Club
9/30/00 Ruff Endz & Mary J. Blige--Fox Theatre

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Editorial

Talkin' steroid injectin' pill poppin' Olympics down under blues

By Adam Smith
Editor

The Olympics are still underway, I think, in Sydney, Australia. From what I can tell so far, the Americans are kicking the crap out of every country but China. To be honest, I probably haven't watched more than 30 minutes of the Olympics at one sitting. First of all, because I haven't had the time, and secondly, the schedule is really screwing me up. I have a hard time watching the primetime broadcasts because I know that I'm watching events that have already happened. I could probably get on the 'net and find out the outcome hours before the event is aired over here. I heard Dennis Miller comment on "Monday Night Football" that he should just call Bob Costas in Australia to find out who won the football game because they are 16 hours ahead. Either way, the whole Olympic schedule is messing with my mind. The other thing messing with my

mind is the use of drugs in the Olympics this year. It seems to be worse than ever. The reds are on our tail, and they're doing it naturally and without the help of any kind of steroids, growth hormones or narcotics. The word on Tuesday was another round of athletes were either in trouble, or were having their medals stripped for the use of "performance enhancing" drugs. CNN reported that shot put world champion C.J. Hunter failed four separate tests for steroid use prior to the Olympic games. However, U.S. track and field officials knew about it, but nothing was said. Hunter, of course, denied everything. The drugs aren't just a U.S. problem, however. Romania's Andreea Raducan was stripped of her all-around gymnastics gold medal after testing positive for a "banned stimulant." Whatever the drug was, it was bad enough to get her team doctor expelled from the rest of the Olympics, and suspended through the 2002 winter games in Salt Lake

City and the 2004 summer games in Athens. However, I was thinking about this the other day. Yes, I was thinking. If I was an athlete (haha) and I was perfectly tuned and in the best physical condition I could possibly be in (haha), I would be pretty upset if some guy blew past me on the track. So, I might be thinking, "maybe I need something to boost my performance. Here I am the greatest athlete in the world, and some punk from Norway is three seconds faster." It makes sense, but it may not make it right. There was a "Saturday Night Live" sketch back in the 70's that featured the late John Belushi doing a commercial parody on Wheaties cereal and the Olympics. Belushi's cereal was called Little Chocolate Donuts, and it featured the obviously out-of-shape Belushi hoofing his way around a track to a gold medal win. When his run was over, he sat down to a "healthy" breakfast of Little Chocolate Donuts. It ended with the line, "Little Chocolate Donuts, the Breakfast of Champions." Why does John Belushi gorging himself with chocolate donuts make a damn bit of difference? Because it's true. The Olympics should be that way. If you watch the Olympics closely, all the athletes look the same. Perfectly toned bodies, tan, muscular, fit. BORING. I want to

see an obese woman running down a mat, jumping off a springboard and doing a sloppy triple gainer in the air before landing into a vat of melted chocolate. Better yet, I want to see toothless, toneless rednecks with naturally ruddy complexions in a relay race, in which the participants pass off a bottle of Southern Comfort. You can't tell me that the ratings wouldn't be through the roof. For once, maybe wrestling would finish second in the Nielsons. People may scoff at my suggestion, but things would work a lot easier if we took a Nader-esque stance to the Olympics. Legalize it. Why not? Legalize everything. Nothing should be sacred. If we decide to keep drugs out of the Olympics, then all of the athletes should at least have the decency to be fat and slow. If not fat and slow, then geeky and weak with blinding bright white skin color. I'd watch. I swear I would. I'm aware that many of these suggestions are completely ludicrous and without merit of any kind. However, I'm not on the International Olympic Committee, so the Olympic world is safe from my suggestions. For now.

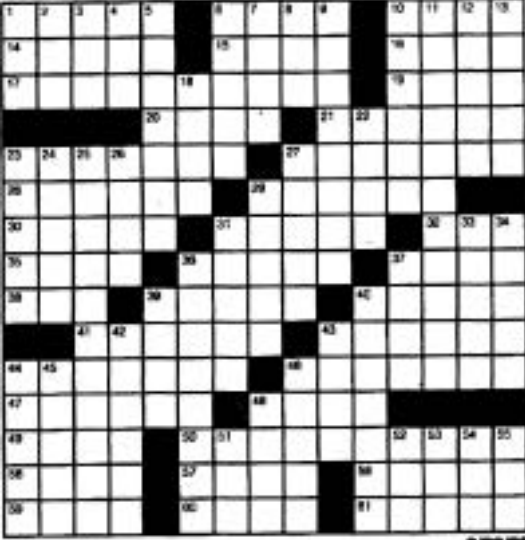
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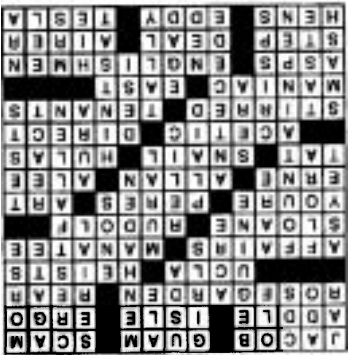
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Forum

Dear Editor,

I'm a freshman here at JSU, and I went to the game last Thursday. I have to say that I am really shocked at the way the students here acted at the game. I do not know if this happens at every game, but where I am from we do not act as disrespectful as some of the students were.

For instance, the band booed at the captains from the other team as they walked past their section. During the game, several of the guys in one of the fraternities constantly shouted profanity at the referees and other team. Do not get me wrong.

I cheered for our team too, but there is a limit to what is ok and what is bad sportsmanship. If this is normal for games here, I hope that someone tries to get something done about it.

Dusty Lashley



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low and mixing Valiums in with his frozen concoctions, in order to help him hang on after a violation of presidential proportions.

Danny DeVito stayed at the White House. Bill was probably fascinated with the fact that Danny standing was the same height as an intern on her knees.

Steven Spielberg's decision to bring back Jar Jar Binks in the next Star Wars movie is the seventh of 12 steps in overcoming sexual assault by a president.

Well, William "Jay" Clinton's 8-year-long gang-bang is coming to a close and in the last two weeks, former White House volunteer Kathleen Willey has filed a suit accusing Bill of violating her "privacy rights," !AND! The White House overnight guest list was made public. What a combination!

Now, part of me is all about Big-Strong-Man-in-White-House. Many advanced civilizations throughout history idolized masculinity. They wore penis figurines around their necks and celebrated power and prowess. That's kind of what Bill Clinton is to us-he's Slick Willie, our national phallic symbol.

But there is such a thing as too much of a good thing. I mean whom hasn't this man fondled? What is the count at now anyway?

To be fair, we know that he fondled Hillary at least once. Then there's ol' hook nose and the cigar aficionado. Janet Reno doesn't have Parkinson's-that's trauma. Al "The Bore" Gore's expressionless demeanor can be explained quite simply-he was Clinton's puppet for eight years and I don't think I need to get into puppet anatomy or where exactly a puppeteer's hand goes. You're college students-- intelligent enough to not take me seriously, smart enough to know what I mean, and mature enough to handle unsuitable subject matter presented in an unsuitable way.

Now, I know that the overnight guest list was made public due to questions surrounding campaign contributions, but the possibilities are endless for those of us with filthy minds. I don't think that the money received by the president was a campaign contribution. I think it was a bribe. I think it was a please-don't-fondle-me payoff.

Chevy Chase and Quincy Jones both paid the president \$2,000 in an attempt to assure a goodnight's sleep in the Lincoln bedroom. So did they get a restful slumber? It all depends on what you consider restful.

And those who didn't pay the president off have paid the price in other ways. Jimmy Buffet stayed at the White House. I haven't heard much from him lately. He's busy laying

Will Smith's stay can explain "Willenium." Jada Pinkett Smith and Meg Ryan also spent nights in the White House. In your dreams, Bill! And Rhea Perlman, well, even the president has to draw the line somewhere.

Even the state of Alabama affairs can be directly linked to that fateful night Governor Siegelman spent in the White House. So that's what happened to the lottery.

But the nation's Clinton woes are far from over. Hillary, a woman I have no respect for whatsoever (how could she leave Bill? He's so beaucoup!), has estrogen levels on a steady increase in the east and every time I turn around, I see Chelsea. And that's somebody you don't want to see every time you turn around. The poor girl looks like a caricature of Alfred E. Newman.

But Chelsea's the Clinton that'll be around for years to come. She was at the Olympics. She's been making rounds with her dad. If you look at this year's presidential candidates, Gore and Bush both come from political families and have been bred for the Oval Office. Chelsea's starting her campaign early.

We all grew up with Chelsea and we have lived off the fat of the land for eight years. These have been good times. So a few bad presidents from now, in 15 years or so, Chelsea will be making her run for the White House. The time will be right. Everyone will be more accepting of a female president and our generation, which will be the people of power then, will have fond memories surrounding the name of Clinton. Memories of lavish parties, good wine, and great orgies-the way a government should be run, and Chelsea will return the nation to its former splendor.

Whew! Now that I've got all that out of my system, and it wasn't aimed at anyone local, I'll try to be nice next week, or at least civil. I might be running for president one day. Ahh, who am I kidding? If Clinton can be president, so can Ron Jeremy. And if Ron Jeremy can be president, so can I.

What's your sign?

By Linda C. Black
Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday (Sept. 28). A new and crazy idea you try could work. Do it with an imaginative and creative loved one, and your odds of success are greater. Jot down your plans in October. Figure out how much they'll cost in November. Something you learn in December could amaze you, but it's about time you found out. You and a loved one could win at a gamble in February. A risk you take in April's less-likely to succeed. June's good for anything creative. Watch out for a reality check next September.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

• **ARIES** (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 5 - Let somebody else do the driving, make the decisions and take on the responsibility. You don't need to be in control of this situation. Somebody else can do that quite well, so relax.

• **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - A lucky break could go in your favor. You may be able to provide what's needed on a moment's notice. Watch for the opportunity by paying attention to your supervisor, teacher or anybody else in a position of authority. Think ahead, and you could earn a reward.

• **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - Follow through with a project that involves a foreigner, a foreign language or a college class. It should turn out quite well. Also, take a vow to keep your comments to yourself for the next few weeks. Dispense information on a "need to know" basis.

• **CANCER** (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - You should feel better and come up with lots of new ideas. You should find communicating with a loved one is easier, too. Sometimes you're stuck for the right words, but that's less-likely to be the case for the next few weeks. Relax.

• **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - You may run into difficulties you hadn't predicted, but that's all part of the learning process. Don't stop; keep reading! You'll get better at a new skill with practice, too. You're going from the theoretical to the tangible, and that's sometimes awkward. Don't give up.

• **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - Worries about money could fade, as you continue to rake it in. Don't stop to count it until the game's over, which might not be until this weekend. Finish something you've started, and the rewards may be greater than expected. It's still a lot of work, though.

• **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 9 - You may have overcome a big obstacle. All you have to do is finish something you've started, and the prize is within your grasp. You might rather play with somebody you love, so even a simple task could seem bothersome. It won't take long.

• **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - You're smart and cute. This gives you an advantage, with a rather demanding person. Instead of feeling stressed, act like you know something the other person would find interesting. That may be the case, too. And, the other person may be willing to trade.

• **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - You're always interested in learning, and today you could get a good chance. A friend of yours could open the door to a whole new area for you. You ought to keep the discussions to a minimum. Practice, instead.

• **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - Watch for a job that nobody else wants. A friend might let you know about a good one. If you're in business, this may cost you a little, but it's a good investment. If you're an employee, accept less money to start. It could turn into more than you expected.

• **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - If you've already made the commitment, congratulations. If not, it may almost be too late. Hurry, or it could cost you more than you bargained for. Follow through on a done deal. Don't take off in a new direction.

• **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - A tough assignment is just about complete. A crazy idea could work, and another option could become available. Don't lose faith, even if this is costing more than you thought. If you build something that will last, it should appreciate in value.

the PULSE

"What do you hate the most about residence hall life?"



Latress Kenon
Freshman

"We can't sit in the lobby or on the steps in Sparkman, when every other residence can."



Tasha Jemison
Freshman

"When you take a late shower and the water is cold. I hate that."



Myrus Strong
Junior

"Visitation hours and no way to cook."



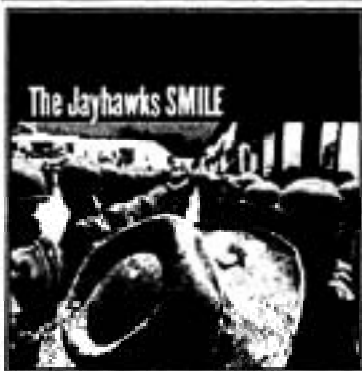
Fuyelle Ward
Junior

"I hate that not many people hang around on the weekends."



Stephen Brackett
Junior

"Checking in is a minor inconvenience."



The Jayhawks

Smile



The Jayhawks arrived on the scene a decade ago as ambassadors of gritty, Midwestern rock, who, along with Uncle Tupelo, helped define the modern-day movement back to folk roots. Critically acclaimed for Neil Young-inspired songcraft and Byrd-influenced harmonies, The Jayhawks provided the yardstick by which all punk-infused twang is measured. Who knew, then, that frontman Gary Louris had long nurtured an obsession with studio polish and pop perfection?

When co-founder Mark Olson called it quits after 1995's "Tomorrow the Green Grass," Gary Louris took the reins and led The Jayhawks through darker, more unexplored territory. "Sound of Lies" was a bitter avalanche of the guitar electric, giving Louris a chance to exorcise his demons while exercising his twitching fingers. Gone was the country, gone was the harmony, gone was the melody. Though this sideways

move proved mostly unlistenable, in hindsight it seems a necessary step in cleansing the splintered group—even if it meant hanging it over the edge without a net.

"Smile" is a majestic piece, a statement of forward-looking experimentalism and tight, dynamic songwriting. The band is now expanded to include Kraig Johnson on rhythm guitar and Jen Gundersman on keyboards; the songs are beautifully textured and flawlessly executed. The title track's enormous chorus of intertwined vocals is immediately engrossing, at once delicate and powerful.

"What Led Me to This Town" and "A Break in the Clouds" prove Louris is still capable of the kind of gorgeous ballads he churned out on their breakthrough Hollywood Town Hall. "Better Days" and "(In My) Wildest Dreams" find Louris' voice rising beneath Gundersman's cascading falsetto—echoes of the Kinks' "Waterloo Sunset" and the

Beach Boys' "Pet Sounds."

And he still nods to Neil Young, whose gloriously ragged fretwork sears through Louris' playing "Baby, Baby, Baby" closes the album with its furious abandon. The happily-titled tune reveals a frightening glimpse into a highway tragedy as "twisted metal rained" over the condemned narrator, Louris' guitar raining twisted metallic shards over his final prayers.

Elsewhere the Jayhawks plunge headfirst into bolder soundscapes: "Somewhere in Ohio" is set to an insistent drum machine, its melody exploding into a barrage of feedback and distortion, and "Queen of the World" becomes the most unusual step into the pop realm, harmonies soaring over dissonant buzzing riffs and swelling strings.

Louris is no longer willing to suppress those pop leanings. "Mr. Wilson" directly addresses pioneering composers Brian Wilson and Alex Chilton, whose darkest personal confessions were explored in lush, colorful radiance. Taking their cues, Gary Louris has created his most challenging and brilliant work to date. "Smile" is the Jayhawks' finest hour—consistently rewarding, endlessly melodic, and deeper than anyone expected.

By Graham Smith



Victoria Williams

Water to Drink



Fans of "roots rock" Louisiana native Victoria Williams please drop whatever you might be engaged in and rush to the nearest music store to buy your copy of her latest CD, "Water To Drink" before the shelves go bare.

A follow up to the critically acclaimed "Musings of a Creekdipper," "Water to Drink" showcases Williams versatile vocal style and songcraft.

On such songs as "Grandma's Hatpin," Williams voice exudes

almost childlike warmth and innocence, then instantly changes to portray a woman's maturity on the sultry "Turn the Light Out Freddie." Strangely enough for an artist known for her country-folk grass-roots, there are unmistakable jazzy undertones throughout much of the album, including the title track "Water to Drink."

Williams' story-telling talent is front and center on "Lagniappe," a down home sort of song. As a whole, the album is an eclectic creation, blending blues, pop, country

and roots rock. And while it is melodic and rhythmic, it is not for romantic evenings or candlelit dinners, but could easily be background music for a coffeehouse or the opposite extreme, a country café.

The first few notes of the first song immediately transport you to your favorite recliner, where you can kick your feet up and relax, confident that no heavy metal riffs or brash guitar solos will intrude on the soul-soothing moment.

This is a great CD for any aspiring songwriter or musician who is interested in honing their own vocal or song writing skills.

Definitely a fine pick for a rainy day of relaxation and meditating.

A fine piece of work indeed.

By Deidra Walker



Boyz II Men

NathanMichael
ShawnWanya



Following in the footsteps of New Edition and Bell Biv DeVoe, Philly's Boyz II Men brought group vocal harmonies in the 90s. Their first two albums, 1991's infectious "Cooleyhighharmony" and 1994's more ballad-heavy "II", sold a combined 15 million copies. Their 1995 duet with Mariah Carey, "One Sweet Day," was the best selling single of the entire 90s. Through these efforts, Nathan, Michael, Shawn and Wanya paved the way for groups like NSync and the Backstreet Boys. Thank you Boyz II Men. I guess someone had to do it.

Still, even through such songs as "I'll Make Love To You" and "End of the Road" were huge hits, audiences of the last few years have shown short memories. The Boyz last full-length CD technically was a flop; it only went double platinum. With the new release, the Boyz find themselves in the unbelievable position of trying to compete with their musical offsprings for a spot on their old home turf.

The first single of this album, "Pass You By" didn't even dent the Billboard pop charts. It opened at #27. They better choose a stronger cut as the next single if they plan on making any cheese off their new joint.

Most notable about this album is its maturity; each member is a tip-toe away from being 30. New songs such as "Good Guy" find them exhibiting some adult attitudes, wondering why the bad boys get all of the women. "There's nothing good in being good guys," they sing over a strutting R&B beat.

The group is not quite as fun as their earlier tunes like 1991's "MotownPhilly." The Boyz come through, with the harmonies as rich as ever, and the solo vocals are stronger than before. "I Finally Know" is an ex-lover's lament with real sadness, and the a cappella "I Do" is a wonderful example of modern street-corner soul.

The real highlight here, both lyrically and vocally, is "Thank You in Advance," a song giving romantic props for all the things that haven't happened yet. "For when you said 'I do' next March/ And for those beautiful children of ours/ Yes I know it might sound strange 'cuz we just met/ But I thank you in advance." Building to a lush climax on the final chorus, the track seems destined to become a wedding song.

On this new album from Boyz II Men, Nathan, Shawn, Michael and Wanya really do separate the boys from the men.

By Anthony Hill

Brother's

Established 1976

• **Thursday...Hannaward Pass**

• **Friday...Something 5 w/Hundred Dollar Day**

• **Saturday.....Isaac Curry**

• **Monday....Josh Case**

• **Tuesday...Ethan from the Ewox (Acoustic)**

• **Wednesday.....Jiggle the Handle**

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say. We go out for about four or five days at a time and then we come home for two or three days. We've been doing that for about four months," said Merrill.

Despite the exposure gained by touring, there are down sides. Merrill explained, "Having to be stuck in a van with those other three guys, that's probably the worst of it. We have a really small van now. But we're all like brothers. We're closer than brothers. Like, we get in those brother fights. We have a lot of fun together though. I don't think any of us would trade the other one for anything in the world."

When asked what one element really makes the band, Merrill commented, "I think it goes back to the fact that we're so diverse. It's like, I know there are a lot of bands that have a heavy sound but also carry melody. But, we're one of the few bands I think, at least in this area, that can play with Dexter Freebish one night and Stuck Mojo the next. I think that's one thing that sets us apart."

Something 5 has gained a fan base in Jacksonville through the efforts of 92J (WLJS), Jacksonville State University's student radio station. "We love 92J; Bozeman, Benefield, Mule, just everybody at 92J. They are one of the sole reasons why we, well they are the sole reason we've done so well in Jacksonville. But

they've helped us out everywhere. They've got a really good thing going supporting local music and stuff," said Merrill.

Merrill explained why college towns are a great place to perform, "Oh, the chicks! Actually it's not necessarily just that. It's that there is a larger concentration of people who would be more interested in our music in one place. When you go to a major town like New York, Birmingham or Atlanta, the crowd is a lot more diverse age-wise. Like a lot of times maybe the older ones don't like it or the younger ones don't like it. But usually our target age is college oriented. I think that is the biggest advantage to going to a college town."

Merrill answered the question of where the band will be in five years smoothly, "Well, I'll be a lot more well-off than I am now, and probably on the cover of *Rolling Stone*. I think we'll be a successful rock band in five years. I know we will be."

Besides their performance at Brother's, the band will be playing the Beaner and Ken Birthday Bash at the Oak Mountain Amphitheater on Friday, Oct. 13. So the Birthday Bash, which also features Stone Temple Pilots, will offer up another chance to see Something 5's live show.

of age is invited.

New commented, "This is not a teen club; it's a bar. You can come in if you're 18, and the reason that we like to do that is because we are off-campus here at Jacksonville State. That is one of your mainstays, the students from the university. You don't have to be 21 to be in a frat. You don't have to be 21 to be in a sorority. So you shouldn't have to be 21 to come in our bar."

When asked about what sets The Boiler Room above other local spots, New said, "We're interested in what the people want. I mean we're here to make money, of course, like everybody else, but we're interested in keeping our clientele happy. Whatever they want to hear, what they want to do, we're going to try and line it up for them. We have a larger establishment here. We have better sound equipment here. And just the overall atmosphere in general is more upbeat."

The club has undergone many physical changes on the inside which will help alter the atmosphere sufficiently from its previous state. One of the more striking changes is the mural of a giant JSU Gamecock on the wall. Also, the floors have been redone, new coolers will be installed, new music equipment will be utilized and a new sign will be

put up. Despite these many changes, almost half of the former staff of Retro will be back to work at the new establishment so clients can expect to see some familiar faces.

The club also plans on beginning to serve food to guests in the future. But this will take some time because the owners will have to go through the Health Department, said New.

New addressed the rumors that have been going around Jacksonville as to why Retro was shut down for a short period of time. "We got closed down because of the

transfer of all the paper work and the liquor license and all. And there was nothing more to that. I've heard a lot of the rumors about 'Oh, they got busted for this or that.' Nobody got busted. Richard's (previous owner) license would not transfer to us. So we had to apply for our own license."

New was very confident that The Boiler Room will be the number one club in Jacksonville. "I look to be the party spot in Jacksonville. If I can't do that, then they need to close this bar," said New.

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• **Reviewers** (M.C. — Mark Caro; M.W. — Michael Wilmington; J.P. — John Petrakis; L.C. — Lou Carlozo; M.R. — Maureen Ryan; R.K. — Rick Kogan; M.E. — Monica Eng; B.S. — Barbara Shulgasser; A.J. — Allan Johnson; V.E. — Vicky Edwards.)

• **THE ART OF WAR.** An American agent (Wesley Snipes) must uncover an international plot to bring down the United Nations on the eve of a historic summit with China in this thriller that also stars Anne Archer and Donald Sutherland. R (strong violence, some sexuality, language and brief drug content). 1:57.

• **ALMOST FAMOUS.** Cameron Crowe's rapturously entertaining picture, based on recollections of his own experience, centers on a nerdy high school senior who lands an

unbelievably cool job as a rock journalist in 1973 and goes on a cross-country tour with a band. It is packed with music and laced with heart-piercing wit and romanticism. R (language, drug use, sensuality). 2:00. 4 stars. — M.W.

• **BAIT.** A slick-and-quick muscle car of a movie that centers on a hapless hero (Jamie Foxx) who stumbles into a \$42 million government gold bullion heist. Foxx squeezes some laughs out of his part, but this film goes nowhere fast. R (language, violence, sensuality). 1:59. 2-1/2 stars. — M.W.

• **BRING IT ON.** A "Clueless"-type comedy about a cheerleading squad led by Torrance (Kirsten Dunst) who discovers that an inner-city cheerleading squad has done their routine and has done it better. PG-13 (sex-related material and language). 1:38. 1-1/2 stars. — V.E.

• **DUETS.** A shallow film about the karaoke subculture where people compete for cash prizes. Gwyneth Paltrow stars as the illegitimate daughter of a karaoke hustler (Huey Lewis), if ever there was such a thing. The joys of singing give the movie a hook, but when "Duets" aims for lyricism, it's got a tin ear. R (language, some sexuality). 1:53. 2 stars. — M.C.

• **NURSE BETTY.** This comedy centers on a nutty waitress (Renee Zellweger) who embarks on a zany cross country chase when her hus-

band is killed and the murderers chase her to do her in as well. Also stars Morgan Freeman, Chris Rock and Greg Kinnear. R (language, violence, sensuality). 1:48. 3-1/2 stars. — M.W.

• **STEAL THIS MOVIE.** A shallow bio-pic about the late '60s radical Abbie Hoffman, whose humor and spirit brought an unusual feeling to the revolution. R (language, drug content and some nudity). 1:48. 2-1/2 stars. — J.P.

• **THE WATCHER.** In this creepy, sordid and poisonously dull film, a seductive serial killer (Keanu Reeves) murders young women while a burned out cop (James Spader) is cold on his trail. Don't go unless your idea of a good time is suffering along with the victims. R. 1:33. 1-1/2 stars. — M.W.

• **THE WAY OF THE GUN.** A bloody, violent film about two street guys (Benicio Del Toro and Ryan Phillippe) who kidnap a pregnant surrogate mother (Juliette Lewis) who is carrying the baby for a corrupt businessman and his wife. This movie is Quentin Tarantino-esque, but lacks sass and humor. R (violence, language and sensuality). 1:59. 2-1/2 stars. — M.W.

• **URBAN LEGENDS: FINAL CUT.** A moronic exercise in filmmaking about a young girl in film school who competes for the Hitchcock award in the hopes of landing a studio contract by making

a slasher movie based on real-life murders. Her film comes to "life" when people who are helping her make it start to get killed. R (violence/ gore, language and some sexuality). 1:35. One-half star. — J.P.

• **WHIPPED.** A romantic comedy with snappy dialogue that centers on a group of four college buddies (Brian Van Holt, Judah Domke, Zorie Barber and Jonathan Abrahams) obsessed with sex, who fall for the same woman (Amanda Peet). Some funny scenes, but not enough genuine affection. R (strong language, sexual situations). 1:24. 2 stars. — J.P.

• **WOMAN ON TOP.** A good-natured film about a Brazilian gourmet chef (Penelope Cruz) who leaves her homeland and her husband when she catches him cheating. Through a twist of turns she winds up with her own cooking show and has to make a decision whether to continue her new life or go back to her husband. R (some strong sexuality and language). 1:33. 2-1/2 stars. — M.C.

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• **COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa** — A 76-year-old ex-convict walked into a bank on Monday and handed a teller a note demanding two \$50 bills. As the man left the bank, he said he would be sitting in his car smoking a cigarette, waiting for police to come take him back to prison.

• **MIDDLETOWN, Rhode Island** — Monday was "Honorary Richard Hatch Day" in the "Survivor" champ's hometown, the same city he sued last month. Hatch received a commemorative town tile and a proclamation for using his wiles to win the popular CBS series' \$1 million grand prize. Hatch was charged with second-degree child abuse after his 9-year-old son said Hatch wrapped his hands around his neck during a run, but the charges were later dropped.

• **BOGOTA, Colombia (CNN)** — Carlos Sanchez, who plays fictional Colombian coffee icon Juan Valdez, was greeted by Colombian President Andres Pastrana and given a silver cross for national merit on the character's 40th birthday. Dignitaries and ambassadors attended the ceremony at the presidential palace. Valdez's sidekick "Lana," the mule, had to remain outside during the ceremony.

• **SORRY GRAMPS, WE'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE:** When 92-year-old George Smith, a Florida millionaire, married a woman 42 years his junior and then started spending hundreds of thousands of dollars, his grandson asked a court to take over his affairs. The woman in question is a health aide who is cur-

rently facing charges of stealing \$70,000 from a paralyzed man in 1998, and was later hired by Smith to care for his wife until she died. She stayed on as his housekeeper and married him a year later. Smith stands by her. In the end, a judge ruled Smith mentally incapacitated, and appointed a professional guardian to make his decisions for him.

• **MAKE A FOOL OF ME, WILL YOU! KA-BOOOM!:** A man in Khabarovsk, Russia, sought bloody vengeance when he found out that his wife was cheating on him. He went to the apartment where the two lovebirds were having their trysts to plant a home-made bomb. Alas, as he was attaching it to the door, it went off, killing him.

• **HONEST OFFICER, I WAS ROBBED:** Police say the 19-year-old night clerk at a Shawnee, Kan., convenience store bungled a robbery by covering the lenses of the security cameras with transparent tape. The cops say he stashed the money and then told them a cockamamie story that a robber called him and ordered him to tape the lenses, after which he came in and robbed the place. This account was not corroborated by the security tapes which "looked a little fuzzy," but were clear enough to show what went on, said police.

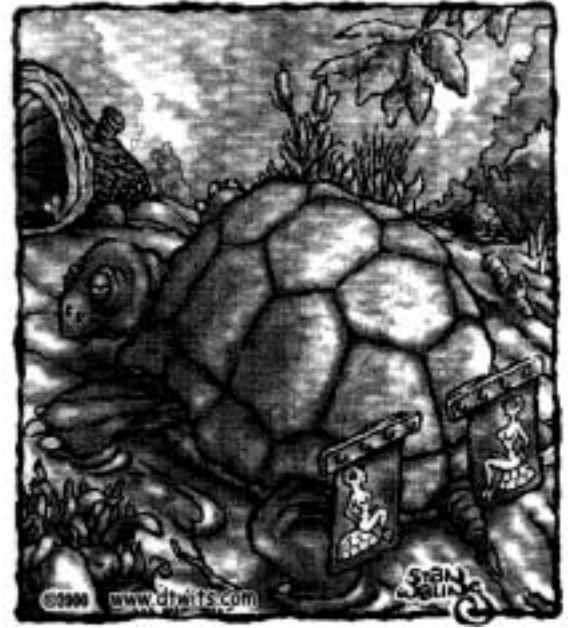
• **HEY, WHO IS HUNTING WHOM HERE?:** A 46-year-old Missouri father and his 25-year-old son were hunting with bows and arrows in the wilds of Colorado when a large black bear lunged out of the underbrush and bit the son on the buttocks. Though the father was carrying a .44-caliber handgun, he was so rattled that, instead of shooting the bum-biting beast, he threw the gun at it. In response, the animal stopped attacking the son, but bit the father on the thigh, then fled.

• **DON'T MESS WITH ARMED CUSTOMERS:** A power company in Ivanovo, Russia, cut off the power to a missile base for nonpayment of its electric bill. In response, the base commander sent in a contingent of heavily armed troops who seized the power station and restarted the electricity.

• **PRETTY INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE, BRAD:** When a film processor developed Brad Davis' snapshots of himself, he noticed that Davis

was photographed in front of the marijuana plants he had been growing in his LaPorte, Ind., home. He informed police who confiscated more than three dozen marijuana plants, and arrested Davis, who has pleaded guilty to maintaining a common nuisance.

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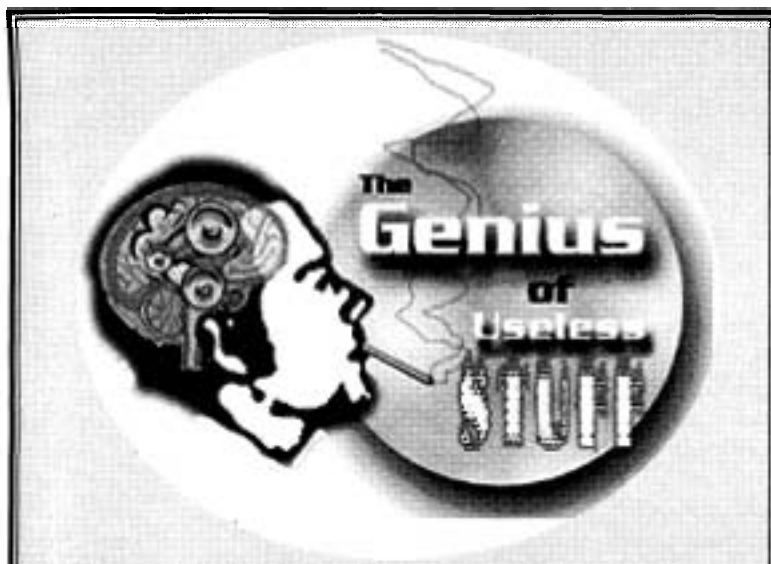
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8. Who was the victim of the first murder seen live on TV by millions of Americans?
9. What color are many casinos decorated in, to make patrons less aware of the passing time?
10. What southern city does Federal Express channel all its packages through?
11. What 1984 horror movie marked the film debut of Johnny Depp?
12. What sport are an annual average of 4,750 Japanese playing when they die?

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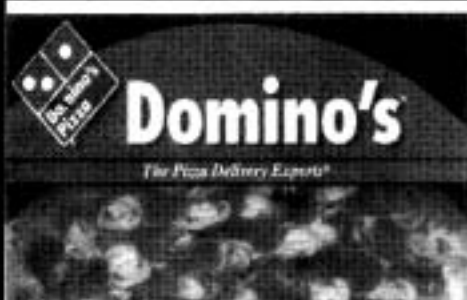
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Thrill tries to tackle JSU tailback Rony Rogers in this week's One on One

Gamecocks tame the Bulldogs

By Anthony Hill
Sports Editor

Rondy right, Rondy left, Rondy up the middle. That was the sight as the Gamecock offense put on a show in the 36-16 victory over the Samford Bulldogs (2-2) last Thursday night.

"Before the game I felt like someone had to step up offensively. If it had to be me then fine," said Rony Rogers, the Gamecock tailback. I'm not going to say that it was all me, because everyone played great. We got some people healthy and back to contribute."

Junior Rony Rogers rushed for 134 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Gamecocks to a win in front of 10,286 fans Thursday night.

Coach Jack Crowe said earlier in the week that the offense was going to be better than it had been all year and he was right. From the opening kickoff to the final score, the offense was clicking on all cylinders.

The Gamecocks struck early when Herman Bell returned the opening kickoff 78 yards to the Samford 16-yard line. The return set up Rony Rogers for a 16-yard scamper for a touchdown with 14:40 on the clock. Brad Hopkins added the extra point to make the score 7-0 in the first quarter.

Eriles McCollough intercepted his first of two interceptions on the night with 4:53 remaining in the first quarter.

ter. Rogers would score again on what look to be the same play he scored on the during the Gamecock's first possession immediately after the Bulldog turnover. The touchdown by Rogers made the score 14-0.

"Well, I was reading the quarterback and he was pretty much looking his receiver down and I just broke in front of the ball," said McCollough in reference to his first interception.

Samford got on the scoreboard right before the half when Bulldog place-kicker Chip Walters connected on a 25-yarder to cut the lead to 14-3.

The Bulldogs cut the lead again in third quarter when running back Kadell Wright ran the ball in from 3-yards out to pull Samford closer at 14-10.

The Gamecocks offense responded early in the fourth quarter off a 35-yard touchdown connection between Reggie Stancil and Cedric Allen. Later in the quarter, Brad Hopkins hit a 44-yard field goal, which is the third longest in school history since entering Division I-AA.

Gamecock tailback Roger Bell made his presence known on his first game back from a hyper-extended knee. Midway in the fourth quarter, Bell sprinted 44 yards for a touchdown.

"I felt good. I'm still hurt, but it (knee) came through for me in the end," said Bell.

Samford scored late in the fourth



JSU tailback Roger Bell making a run against Samford on Thursday night

quarter on a 50-yard touchdown pass from Josh Kellet to Aryvia Holmes to cut the lead to 30-16. The Bulldogs tried an onside kick that was returned for a touchdown by Gamecock defensive back Markee Coleman to end the scoring for the night.

"I made a lot of mistakes tonight," said Josh Kellet, Samford quarterback.

The Gamecock offense nearly doubled its season production with 323 yards of total offense, including 249 yards rushing. Roger Bell finished the night with 80 yards on six carries and Stancil followed with 25 yards

on seven carries. He also completed seven of 10 passes for 64 yards. Defensively, Natarsha James finished the game with 11 sacks, 16 tackles, and Markee Coleman added nine tackles.

Rashard Brewer led the Bulldogs offense with 88 yards on 16 carries. Kellet finished 13-for-33 for 203 yards. Aryvia Holmes had 117 yards on eight receptions.

The Gamecocks are off this week, but will continue conference play on Oct. 7 to play Sam Houston State in Paul Snow Stadium.

Lady Gamecocks fall in a thriller

By Anthony Hill
Sports Editor

If you have not seen the Gamecock volleyball team play, you are missing more than just exciting action on the court. You are also missing exciting action off the court.

Gamecock Coach Jose Rivera is very animated as he questions officials, runs up and down the floor, tosses flip boards and occasionally smiles.

The Lady Gamecocks cruised through the Wingate Inn-Gamecock Invitational during the Friday and early Saturday matches to meet up with equally talented Georgia State for the championship game.

"Everytime we come here, Jose gets that team playing unbelievable ball," said Georgia State Coach Richard Leonard.

Led by 6-3 junior Anna Popenko, the Georgia State Lady Panthers claimed the inaugural Wingate Inn-Gamecock Invitational on Saturday. The Lady Gamecocks battled the Panthers to a fifth and final match. What an exciting championship game it was as the two teams battled back and fourth. The crowd was on their feet during the entire final round. The Lady Gamecocks made unbelievable comebacks and blocks to keep them in position to challenge the lead of the Panthers. The Lady Panthers proved to be too much in the end.

"Wow, it was a hell of a game. This was a great match," said Gamecock Coach Jose Rivera. "Georgia State came out on fire. They had great hitters that kept them in the game, especially during the lighter part. The girls played their hearts out today. That was Gamecock volleyball!"

Gamecock senior Eysha Ambler, who was named to the All-Tournament team, helped the Gamecocks with 18 kills on 37 attempts in the loss to Georgia State, and teammate Kelby Rumph led all players with 26 kills on 68 attempts. Senior Heather Beers led the team with 60 assists in the five game match against the Panthers. Beers also broke a personal career high assists in the GSU game (previously 58).

"We played really hard today and I'm proud of us. Georgia State was a good sport and they came in playing hard," said Eysha Ambler.

Other teams that participated in the tournament were: Belmont University, Mercer University and Jackson State University.

Soccer team on a roll

By Anthony Hill
Sports Editor

The Jacksonville State University Lady Gamecocks soccer team pulled out a 2-1 victory over conference foe Campbell on Thursday at University field.

Sophomores Emily Hubert and Angela Tribble carried the Lady Gamecocks to victory, scoring one goal each. Junior goalkeeper Adriana Finelli gave up one goal and picked up three saves on the day.

Campbell midfielder Sara Davis put the only goal on the board for

the Camels in the early moments of play. Thursday's game was the first conference game for both teams.

"It's a great feeling to have our first conference victory," said Head Coach Lisa Howe. "We outplayed them, but we're not capitalizing on all of our shots. Maybe we're saving them for Troy State."

Well, maybe they were, because they beat the Trojans 3-0 on Saturday. The Trojans held the Lady Gamecocks scoreless for the first 50 minutes of play. After a scoreless first half, Ashley Martin (50:00), Angela Tribble (54:00) and Jill Dick (76:00) each scored a goal for the Gamecocks to secure its second conference victory of the year.

After the two victories, the Lady Gamecocks improve to 5-4 overall and 2-0 in conference play.

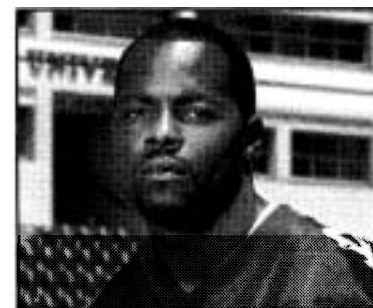
"Tot-tot" James Named Player of the Week

By Anthony Hill
Sports Editor

For the second time in as many games, a Gamecock has landed Southland Football League's "Defensive Player of the Week" honors.

Senior Natarsha James was selected by the league for his performance in the 36-16 victory over Samford on Thursday night. James, a 6-1, 200-pound free safety from Sylvester, Ga., recorded 16 tackles, including three for losses, in the victory over the Bulldogs.

"This is beautiful. Everybody played fabulous, offensively and defensively. With me being a senior, I really don't put pressure on myself, because I know that I'm going to make plays," said James after the



victory last Thursday night. "I was telling the Samford players the whole game that they could not stop me and that I could not be blocked."

It seems like the last game that the Gamecocks played Delvin Hughley was the first player to earn the SFL Defensive "Player of the Week" award. The Gamecock defense is getting attention all over the league as they continue to play well.

One on One with "Thrill"



"Everybody as a team refused to have another 2-9 season."

In the four years that I've been at Jax State, I don't know if there has been a runningback that made me say, "Man, he is good." Rondy Rogers makes me say that everytime he touches the ball. No, he doesn't score everytime he gets the pill. As a matter of fact, last Thursday's game was the first time he or the Gamecock offense has scored all season. But, as long as he's on the field, you know there is a possibility of something electrifying happening.

Thrill: How's it going, Rondy?

Rondy: Doin' good, baby.

Thrill: What was the reason for the vast improvement in not only your play, but the team as a whole?

Rondy: Well, we worked hard all week man. We'd put a lot of emphasis on being physical. We really worked on the O-line. They took it upon themselves to step it up this week and get some knock downs. Thrill: What is your confidence level for the rest of the season, it does not get any easier. You know that we have the seventh toughest schedule in the nation?

Rondy: Yeah, we just needed something to build our confidence. Now we see what we can do. If we continue to go to practice with the attitude that we need to get some things done, we will.

Thrill: Some people think that it is the role that you have stepped into as being the starter that has made you more productive. This is the kind of

role that you are accustomed to. You were the man at Minor High in Birmingham. You were All-State, All-Metro, Super Team All-Metro and you lettered in basketball.

Rondy: That's not it. I'm still the fullback; it's just that Roger (Roger Bell) got hurt. I think that this is a temporary thing.

Thrill: You're okay with that?

Rondy: (pause.) Yeah, I'm fine with it as long as we win.

Thrill: Why did you change your number from 40 to 4?

Rondy: I wanted 22. I chose 4 because it was a single-digit number. I couldn't get 22.

Thrill: How is your relationship with Coach Crowe?

Rondy: It's good. He's cool with me. He's a nice guy. Of course, on the field he'll work you hard, but off the field he'll take care of me.

Thrill: Will you really be comfortable with being moved back to fullback?

Rondy: I'm comfortable winning. (both laugh.) Whatever it takes to win. I'll line up in the slot position. (both laugh.)

Thrill: What do you do for fun?

Rondy: Man, just chill. I sit back and write sometimes. I talk on the phone and chill with the fellas.

Thrill: What do you write?

Rondy: Poetry.

Thrill: Poetry?

Rondy: Yeah.

Thrill: That's for the ladies, right?

Rondy: Na, it's for me. When I want to get something off my mind.

Thrill: Speaking of the ladies. Are you taken?

Rondy: No.

Thrill: Who's your favorite athlete?

Rondy: Fred Taylor of the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Thrill: Who was your role model growing up?

Rondy: My mom. Because of how hard she works and the way that she is.

Thrill: Any nicknames?

Rondy: (laughs.) Nope.

Thrill: Come on now. Your grandmother didn't call you Pookie, Ray-

Ray, or something?

Rondy: My mom called me Tiger, because I used to fight and scratch all of the time.

Thrill: Free Association. I'm sure that you know what that is by now.

Rondy: (laugh.) You say something and then I go. I read the paper; I got you.

Thrill: Mike Williams.

Rondy: Gone.

Thrill: Alabama Crimson Tide

Rondy: Disappointment.

Thrill: Women.



There's the offense

A sports editorial

By **Anthony "Thrill" Hill**

What a wonderful night for college football, especially for the Gamecock offense. I have to admit that I was impressed by the play of the offensive line during last Thursday night's thrashing of the Samford Bulldogs.

After the game, Gamecock lineman Jeremy Sullivan said, "We ain't got no talent, we ain't no good; Well, we just kicked Samford's butt up and down the field!" I have to give credit where credit is due. The offensive line showed not only me, but everyone in attendance that they could play well.

Rondy Rogers gave me chills as he made cuts that simply broke Samford players' ankles. I knew that Rogers was good, but his performance was great.

"Tonight it was like a running back's dream. The line created holes so big," said Rogers in reference to the offensive line.

Everyone could feel the energy that saturated Paul Snow Stadium almost immediately after Herman Bell returned the opening kickoff 78 yards. The return set up Roger's first touchdown of the game and season. The Gamecocks put on a show for the millions watching and the thousands in attendance.

I hate to sound like Reggie Stancil's number one fan, but he is the truth when it comes to the quarterback position. He was definitely on point during the game against Samford. I was literally on my feet in the press box as he broke tackles, danced right, shook left and scrambled out of the

Rondy: Great. Love'em.

Thrill: Marshall Faulk.

Rondy: Probably the best runningback in the NFL.

Thrill: Tupac Shakur.

Rondy: Let him go. If he ain't dead, he wants to be.

Thrill: Coach Skidmore.

Rondy: That's my buddy. He takes care of me.

Thrill: Do you have a favorite teammate?

Rondy: (pause.) Reggie. (quarterback.)

Thrill: They say that you two are twins.

Rondy: That's what they say.

Thrill: Do you two give each other a certain look in the huddle or do something out of the ordinary?

Rondy: No, we just keep each other doing the right thing. If I mess up then he corrects me and if he messes up I correct him.

Thrill: That's it.

Rondy: Alright, take it easy man.

Thrill: You do the same.

pocket.

Wide receiver Cedric Allen doesn't get many passes thrown his way, but he made the best out of the 53-yard bomb tossed to him late in the fourth quarter. Both coaches agreed that the pass to Allen was the single play that decided the game. Allen looked surprised that he not only caught the pass, but that the ball was thrown to him.

The Gamecocks later pulled away with a 44-yard touchdown run by Roger Bell and an electrifying return on an onside kick for another score by Markee Coleman.

"We want to bring the fight back into the 'Fighting Gamecocks,'" said Rondy Rogers after the game on Thursday night. Well, if this is the way the Gamecocks are going to play than we are in for a special season this year. That was Gamecock football on Thursday night, baby!

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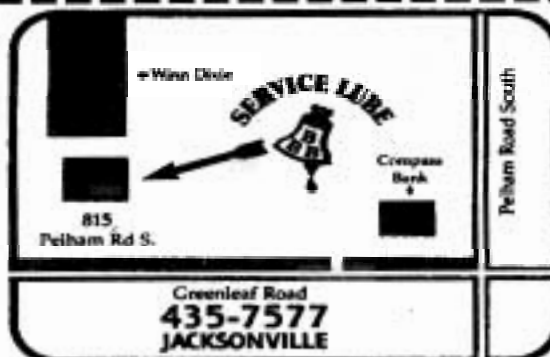
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